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- Acclaimed Flop: Despite having a large adult fanbase, the series did not sell enough merchandise or appeal to the target demographic enough to warrant more than two seasons. It was replaced by the Lighter and Softer and Merchandise-Driven *Avengers Assemble*, that also suffers from mediocre ratings but its used as an engine to sell toys of characters not introduced in the MCU.
- Better Export for You: It only has DVD and digital releases in the US, but also came to Blu-ray in Canada and Australia.
- Blooper:
  - The second season contains plenty. For example, in "Who Do You Trust?", Tony's jacket disappears in between shots, and the closing scene of "Secret Invasion" shows Nick Fury wearing his eyepatch on the wrong eye.
  - Vision gets badly damaged at the end of "Ultron Unlimited," yet "Yellowjacket" shows him alive and well, but the viewers' assumptions that he got fixed in between episodes become dashed after "Emperor Stark" begins with him getting repaired. You can't assume that "Emperor Stark" takes place before "Yellowjacket," either, since JARVIS shows Yellowjacket helping take over Europe.
- Celebrity Voice Actor: Kari Wührer and Lance Reddick voice Maria Hill and Falcon respectively.
- Creator Backlash: In November 2020[note], Christopher Yost called out Drake Bell replacing Josh Keaton as Spider-Man's voice as a "pretty unnecessary" executive decision.
- Creator's Favorite: Chris Yost has called Wasp the Avenger he felt most attached to, and Baron Zemo his favorite among the show's villains.
- Cowboy BeBop at His Computer: From the tie-in comics:
  - Whoever wrote Ultron's bio seems to think he would rather control humanity than kill it.
  - One of the editor's notes in "Mind Games" says that the C in MODOC's name stands for, "control", instead of, "conquest".
- DVD Commentary: The final volume of Disney's DVDs has at least one commentary performed by the voice actors of Iron Man, Captain America, Thor, and Hulk, in character.
- Executive Meddling: The last episodes of the first season aired in other countries well over a month before they will air in the US, because Disney/Marvel wanted to finish out the season to match up with the releases of the Thor and Captain America movies.
  - The second season deviates from overarching stories and ends with 12 self-contained episodes, because the children in the test audiences had less trouble following one-part stories. Also, those episodes place an increased focus on Iron Man, Captain America, and Thor, for the convenience of viewers more familiar with the Avengers from the Marvel Cinematic Universe than those from this cartoon, or those from the comics. This is literally a case of executive meddling, since it was at the directive of the new producer Jeph Loeb.
  - *Ultimate Spider-Man* became a cause of great misery for *EMH* fans, and not just because the following *Avengers* cartoon shared its universe. Producer Josh Fine's Twitter page says that Marvel Animation managed to reach episode 39 by June 2011, but a later panel at Comic-Con revealed that Disney XD will not air episodes 27-52 until the release of *Ultimate Spider-Man*...in 2012. Then, after *Ultimate Spidey* earned an undeniably large hatedom, Disney XD decided to run some new *Ultimate Spidey* episodes without new *Earth's Mightiest Heroes* adventures after them, to see if the Avengers deserve the credit for Marvel Universe's ratings. **Then,** three *Earth's Mightiest Heroes* episodes guest-starring Josh Keaton as Spider-Man got redubbed by Ultimate Spidey's VA, Drake Bell, apparently without Josh's consent or even knowledge. A Twitter movement for getting Marvel to release the undubbed versions has begun, though it failed to get Disney XD to air those versions.
    - On the bright side, only two or three *Ultimate Spider-Man* episodes aired without a new installment of *Earth's Mightiest Heroes* afterward, and some weeks also saw fans of neither show get anything new.

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- In Memoriam: "Michael Korvac" is dedicated to its director, Boyd Kirkland, (also the producer of *X-Men: Evolution*), "Friend, Father, Director, Avenger." The end credits then play in silence. Some following episodes contain shorter dedications.
- Irony as She Is Cast: A twisted example. Steve Blum is Jewish — and one of his roles here is literal Nazi Red Skull.
- Lying Creator:
  - In the season 2 promo included on Disney's first DVD, Chris Yost and Josh Fine show some model sheets for the Skrull, and comment them in a manner that makes it sound like the real Avenger undergoes a costume change.
  - At least one other interview promised that Jeph Loeb's retool would dedicate more screentime to Iron Man, Captain America, Thor, and Hulk, who had each started in at least one live-action movie prior to the second season premiere. Of the 12 episodes Loeb executive-produced, Hulk only appears in **two**.
- Missing Episode: Disney's fifth DVD skips over "Along Came a Spider," the first episode in which Spider-Man appears.
- The Other Darrin: Cam Clarke voiced Constrictor in Season 1, while Troy Baker voiced him in Season 2.
- The Other Marty: As mentioned in Executive Meddling, Josh Keaton was going to reprise his *The Spectacular Spider Man* role of Spider-Man himself and had already recorded his lines, but it was decided to have Drake Bell of *Ultimate Spider-Man* redub the lines. Evidence also points to the idea that Daran Norris, who voiced J. Jonah Jameson on *Spectacular*, had also reprised the role and was redubbed with J. K. Simmons, who played the character in *Spider-Man Trilogy* and *Ultimate*; Norris plays a random policeman at the start, and Betty Brant was reprised by her *TSSM* actress.
- Out of Order: "Widow's Sting" takes place after the Avengers thwart Kang's first attempt to conquer 21st century Earth, but Disney XD aired it before the Avengers met Kang.
- Playing Against Type:
  - Brent Spiner as Purple Man.
  - Dwight Schultz, who is mostly known for playing comedic characters or characters that suffer from mental health problems of some sort, plays the mindless and ravenous Technovore. He's barely recognisable.
- Recycled Script: "Powerless!" has some plot elements copied from Thor's movie. Namely, Thor becomes a mortal, Loki tries to kill him with Destroyer armor, Thor sacrifices himself to protect mortal companions from the Destroyer, and Thor regains his hammer and his immortality as rewards for his selflessness.
- Referenced by...: In the comics Spider-Girl's (Anya Corazon AKA Arana) ringtone is the theme song for this show.
- Role Reprise:
  - While Fred Tatasciore as the Hulk and Steve Blum as Wolverine were no brainers, there are others...
  - Eric Loomis reprises his role from the *Iron Man 2* tie-in game as Iron Man.
  - Gabriel Mann reprises his *Wolverine and the X-Men (2009)* role as Bruce Banner. Likewise, Alex Désert reprises his role from that show as Nick Fury (which makes sense since *The Avengers: EMH* and *WATXM* are set in the same continuity)
  - David Kaufman reprises his role from the *Ultimate Spider-Man* video game as the Human Torch.
  - In addition to voicing the Hulk, Fred Tatasciore also reprises his role from the bonus levels of the tie-in game to *Fantastic Four (2005)* as the Thing.
  - Tom Kane reprises his *Next Avengers* role as Ultron and his *Hulk Vs.* role as Professot Thronton.
  - In addition to Kane as Thronton, Graham McTavish and Kari Wahlgren reprise their respective role from *Hulk Vs.* roles as Loki and Enchantress (which makes sense since *The Avengers: EMH* and *Hulk Vs.* are set in the same continuity).
  - In addition to Tatasciore as the Thing and Kaufman as the Human Torch, Wally Wingert reprises his role in *Marvel Ultimate Alliance 2* as Hank Pym.
  - Grey DeLisle reprsies her role from *The Spectacular Spider Man* as Betty Brant. Infamously, so did her costars Josh Keaton and Daran Norris reprise their respective roles from the same series as Spidey himself and J. Jonah Jameson before being redubbed by two more: respectively, Drake Bell (who voices Spidey in *Ultimate Spider-Man*) and J. K. Simmons (who played Jonah in the *Spider-Man Trilogy* and reprised the role in *Ultimate*).
  - While a good chunk of the cast reprised their roles in *Marvel vs. Capcom 3*, this also went the other way with Loren Lester and Greg Ellis reprising their respective roles as Iron Fist and Rocket Raccoon.
  - In addition to voicing Thor and the Absorbing Man, Rick D. Wasserman also reprised his role from the *Thor* tie-in game *God of Thunder* as Surtur.
- Screwed by the Network:

- This show got slightly "screwed by the cable companies", as Disney XD was dropped from most basic cable packages in the US right around the time the show premiered, leading to a lot of frustration from fans who want it to be put somewhere more easily visible.
- Marvel's video website used to have the complete first season available for free streaming, but it later disappeared without warning or explanation.
- Marvel stopped regularly posting episode previews in between the slowing down of *The Avengers*' box office performance, and the buildup to the movie's home video release.
- Speaking of *The Avengers*' box office performance, what did Disney XD do with this show as the movie made the top 10 of every weekend during the month of June? *Show no new episodes at all.*

- Stunt Casting: Some of the more bizarre choices are this, such as Brent Spiner as Purple Man and Dwight Schultz as Technovore. Both these cases actually worked out quite well.
- Talking to Himself:
  - Graviton and Hulk have the same voice actor. This goes on into Season 2, where Fred Tatiascore voices Hulk and the Thing, who spend most of their episode arguing and fighting. Red Hulk also has this same actor.

    Graviton: *[after flooring the heroes]* I'm stronger than ALL of you! I'M THE STRONGEST ONE THERE IS!!!

    Hulk: *[landing on a nearby building]* You *sure* about that?
  - Rick D. Wasserman also voices Thor and the Absorbing Man, who have a fight in "Gamma World" while exchanging battle cries.
  - Baron Zemo and Abomination are both voiced by Robin Atkin Downes, and the it turns out that they are the two Masters of Evil who argue the most.
  - Vanessa Marshall does this when Black Widow shows Madame Viper the vial of Hulk blood she stole.
  - Captain America when he fights
- What Could Have Been:
  - Josh Fine in an interview says if he continued to helm the series for a third season, said season would have been the "Magic Season" (Season 1 being the Assemble Season, Season 2 being the Cosmic Season). He didn't go into too much detail, but some have speculating that Doctor Strange, Dormammu, Scarlet Witch, and other characters would have shown up. He's also mentioned that Tony and Maria's conversation about registering super-heroes from episode 28 would have been followed up. Apparently, Fine even had some ideas for a FOURTH Season, but hasn't given any details.
  - The show contains elements from what was originally going to be a Hulk series. This is probably why many of the Hulk's Rogues Gallery appear on the show since they don't normally menace the Avengers (aside from Absorbing Man).
  - Some of the first choices for the Avengers' foe in "Breakout, Part 2" included Doctor Doom and Magneto. However, it apparently seemed inappropriate for "Earth's mightiest heroes" to team up and defeat someone *another* superhero team had fought many times before.
  - Ron Wasserman, the composer of the themes of *Mighty Morphin' Power Rangers* and *X-Men: The Animated Series*, had tried pitching a theme song for the show.
  - This trailer boasts voices and animation that differ from the actual show.
  - The lyrics to an extended version of "Fight as One" would have included these.
  - Mockingbird was due to join the Avengers, but it became too expensive to have EG Daily voice a major protagonist.
  - In an interview with Josh Fine, he said that they would have liked to introduce Taskmaster in Season 3.
  - According to Chris Yost, "Emperor Stark" started off as a faithful adaptation of the *Emperor Doom* graphic novel, but with Vision replacing Wonder Man as the Avenger who was unaffected by Doctor Doom's mind-control device. A script excerpt Yost later released on Twitter supports this claim, showing a Cold Open where Doctor Doom captures the Purple Man to exploit his powers, much like in the comic.
  - The original writers wanted to put *Earth's Mightiest Heroes* in the same continuity as *Wolverine and the X-Men (2009)*. Chris Yost once wrote in one of Marvel's live blogs that they take place in the same universe, but later said that the swift cancellation of *Wolverine and the X-Men* ultimately put a damper on these hopes.
  - Captain America was originally supposed to fight the Nazis in the World War 2 flashbacks, but Executive Meddling meant that the creators could have either realistic firearms or Nazis, but not both. They went with the firearms.
  - The solicit synopsis for the twelfth issue of the *Marvel Universe* comic series suggests the existence of an unreleased comic placing the Avengers and Loki in an Enemy Mine situation.
  - A blog belonging to one of the show's character designers showed some potential plots that the show could have gone into, including:

- the Impossible Man giving Ant-Man, Wasp, Captain America, and the Hulk the powers of the Fantastic Four.
- The appearances of Deathlok, Daimon Hellstrom, 3-D Man and Rom Spaceknight (though it's likely if they had attempted that, it wouldn't have been possible due to legal hangups with Hasbro, successor to Parker Brothers, who licensed Rom to Marvel).
- The X-Men and the Avengers teaming up, with Rogue apparently having Ms. Marvel's powers and costume.
- Hulk fighting alongside *Crystar, Crystal Warrior* (an obscure Merchandise-Driven comic from Marvel in the early 80s).
- Giant-Man fighting alongside Captain Marvel (Monica Rambeau) and Machine Man (shades of *Nextwave*, perhaps?)
- Mockingbird being saved by the Human Fly.
- The Wasp becoming Captain Universe.
- Bill Foster becoming the new Giant-Man (or possibly Goliath).
- Thor and Adam Warlock fighting what appears to be Shuma-Gorath.
- The Hulk fighting Omega the Unknown.
- Captain America encountering Baron Blood and Morbius.

- *Avengers Assemble* was originally going to be a follow-up to *Earth's Mightiest Heroes* with an emphasis on introducing kids to the wider Marvel Universe. When *The Avengers* broke box office records, the EMH sequel was scrapped *mid-production* by Executive Meddling so that Disney could launch a cartoon with the heroes from the movie instead.
- Colleen O'Shaughnessey originally auditioned for Pepper before she was cast as Wasp.
- Christopher Yost shared a few plans for the back-half of season two before Man of Action Studios took over:
  - Galactus was going to be the villain of a three-part episode instead of the finale, where he attacked Hala instead of Earth.
  - The New Avengers would've been formed after the Galactus three-parter, as the regular Avengers would've been halfway across the universe at that point.
- The Sentry was originally going to be introduced in "Assault on 42," and eventually would've gotten his own spotlight episode before going on to join the New Avengers. An excerpt from an early draft of "New Avengers" also revealed that Yellowjacket would've been part of the team, as he and Spider-Man were the ones who actually went to recruit the Sentry at his home in the suburbs.
- Christopher Yost posted some additional details on what might have occurred in Season 3 through his Twitter, including the debuts of (in addition to the aforementioned Doctor Strange, Scarlet Witch, Quicksilver and Dormammu) the X-Men, The Defenders, The Eternals, Namor, Tigra, the West Coast Avengers and Nova, as well as villains like Magneto, Nightmare, Kulan Gath, the Juggernaut, the High Evolutionary and Rama-Tut. A multi-part storyline adapting elements of both *Avengers vs. X-Men* and *House of M* would've served as the finale.
- Carol Danvers would've adopted the Captain Marvel identity in Season 3, and Wonder Man would've returned despite his apparent demise in Season 2.

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